

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
October 24, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Civil Air Patrol group presented the colors and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Director Day, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, Director Venerable and Director Worth were present for this entire meeting. Director Doucet was absent from this entire meeting.

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE

President Day read the following statement:

The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) governing proactively rather than reactively.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the agenda dated October 24, 2017 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

5. RECOGNITIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- a. The Board of Education recognized Jennifer Venerable for her service and dedication to the Board of Education and the School District 27J community. Director Venerable was awarded a one-year pin.
- b. The Board of Education recognized the following group with the Reaching In Award:
 - i. Brighton Rotary Group: Donna Petrocco-House and Dave Jansen accepted the award on behalf of the group.
- c. The Board of Education recognized the following staff members with the Reaching Out Award for "Architect":

Certified Staff

Sarah Baumgartner - SSN Special Education Teacher - North Elementary
Barb Brueggemann - Literacy Resource Teacher - Thimmig Elementary
Laurie McPherson - School Counselor - South Elementary
Matt Royal - Band Director - Stuart Middle School
Zach Stamp - Welding Instructor at Prairie View High School
RaJean Tiffany - Science Teacher - Brighton High School

Classified Staff

Darcy Brown - Intervention Services Coordinator
Mari Jones - Secretary for Director of Post-Secondary/Workforce Readiness
Marie Jones - On-line Student Mentor - Brighton High School
Kerrie Monti - Director of Planning

Pennock 5th Grade Team:

Ryan Burns
Fawn Guerra
Jenica Gold
Loralie Holmbo-Cole

Primary Literacy Team:

Susan Herll
Sonia Wheatlake
Catie Foster
Melissa Frohman
Krissy Barragan
Melissa Fike
Sandie Yamamoto

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

A brief reception occurred at 7:48 p.m. to honor the winners.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m. All Board of Education directors that were previously present, remained present.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Name	Address	Topic
Cyndi Svanda	15261 Arrowhead Drive Brighton, CO 80603	Safety concerns of students walking from Brighton High School to Brighton Heritage Academy to attend classes.
Andra Van	2130 Arapahoe Avenue Boulder, CO 80302	Safety concerns and ban request of students attending field trips at the

Carla Mueller	81 Delta Street Denver, CO 80221	Rocky Flats site Safety concerns and ban request of students attending field trips at the Rocky Flats site
Brian Karsh	9758 Laredo St. #18A Commerce City, CO 80022	Funding questions concerning 3D as compared to other metro area school districts

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Venerable to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated September 26, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated October 17, 2017

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: The Board of Education directors facilitated two Candidate Forums on October 9 and 10, 2017.
- b. Board Education: The Board of Education directors heard a presentation from Suhail Farooqui from K12 Insight concerning a customer service model. Director Venerable explained that this is another method of engaging community members. She also explained that customer service is a two-way conversation with our community. Director Piotraschke thought using parts of this model would be a timesaver for teachers and principals. The Board of Education and the district are always looking for better ways to communicate. Looking at this model shows that good things are happening and the Board of Education is not just reacting. He particularly liked the aspect of being able to compile and compare data. Director Piotraschke suggests the Board of Education directors get feedback from the executive leadership team and Dr. Fiedler about options that are available for this type of customer service training. Director Day expressed that this presentation provides a totally separate method of engaging the community via internet and providing direct contact with persons that can help with issues. He also sees a timesaver when answering the same community questions. Director Worth felt it creates a system of communicating with community members and it is an interesting approach. Director Nickeson expressed that it was a customer-driven approach. It is easy to air one bad customer experience on today's social media, and regardless of the methodology there is an importance of process.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: Director Day explained that the committee reviewed the mill levy funds, and discussed the bell schedules and the enrollment summary. Director Day reviewed the enrollment numbers that Dr. Fiedler distributed tonight to the entire Board. The District is 383 students over the initial projection. Director Day will provide the number of students coming into the District vs. the number of students attending other districts. Director

Thimmig explained that the one of the committee's goals is that obsolete buildings won't exist in the future by currently using modular space as a tool. The committee has a preliminary five-year projection plan that she will have Kerrie Monti email to the Board. With Director Day leaving the Board, he noted that Board members are not required to attend meetings. He does plan on continuing to attend the meeting, and other board members are always welcome to attend and report to the group.

- ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: This group did not meet since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Day reported that the group reviewed the Board-driven audit with good results. This group contains a lot of leadership, with multiple district chief financial officers attending each meeting. The group is reviewing policy about accepting new members to the pool. The new members are chosen by the Board. Director Day also expressed that in his opinion, the group is working well as District 12 exits the pool. The exit of District 14 is finalized. He does anticipate that the group will meet again around November 1, 2017, and there is a requirement for a School District 27J Board member to attend. Director Nickeson is the alternate. More information will be provided at the November 14, 2017 Board of Education meeting.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Thimmig explained that the next awards will be given at the January 23, 2018 meeting and the topic will be "Builder".
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: This group did not meet since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: Director Thimmig explained that the committee toured Brighton Heritage Academy. They also reviewed other construction projects. The committee is working on the use of the premium received from the sale of the 2015 bonds. Spending funds is within the rule of spending 85% of the first bond issuance. Director Piotraschke reported that the construction team is treating Overland Trail Middle School and Northeast Elementary School as one construction site. There has been a lot of rewrites, and redrawing of the plans. The design has been a struggle, and everyone is looking forward to the project getting started. Anticipated start time is March of 2018, during spring break, as the project is too large to complete during the summer months. He anticipates construction will occur when students are in the building. The committee asked Ranette Carlson to describe the process that was used when bond premium was used to complete Brantner Elementary School. Director Piotraschke explained that there were three guiding factors for using bond premium and interest earnings. The factors are: Would the project help growth, help the general fund, or help with equity among the buildings? There will be purchases of mainly furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) for core-Brighton schools to create equity. Director Venerable requested a possible parent and/or community survey asking their wants and needs, and reviewing that information during a Board work session. She feels this is too important and a huge amount of money, and she would like to make sure it is spent correctly.
- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Day completed an interview with a

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| vi. March 13, 2018 | 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| vii. April 24, 2018 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |
| viii. May 22, 2018 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public |
| | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| ix. June 12, 2018 | None |
| x. August 28, 2018 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| xi. September 25, 2018 | **1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of 27J |
| | **Note – Action was taken on October 24, 2017 to revise. (See Item d.) |
| | 3.J Charter Schools |

- d. The Board of Education members discussed the suggested changes to Global Goal 1.2 to reflect the state’s change from the ACT to the SAT for all juniors, and an addition of Global Goal 1.4 for early literacy.

Policy Governance Manual Sample:

Students achieve academic excellence.

1. The graduation/completer rate will increase by 2% per year until 95% is attained at which it will not drop lower.
2. *The district’s average composite SAT score will increase by 25 points per year until the score reaches 1100 at which it will not drop lower.*
3. Beginning in the fall of 2016, academic status of School District 27J and individual schools within 27J will be measured by the District and School Performance Ratings. The ratings include academic achievement, academic growth and academic growth gaps. By the fall of 2021, 80% of district managed schools will be on a performance plan.
4. *The district will increase the percentage of primary students (k-2) reading at benchmark by 2% per year until 90% of primary readers are at benchmark as measured by DIBELS. At the same time, the district will decrease the percentage of students who have significant reading deficiencies by 1% each year until only 5% of primary readers have significant reading deficiencies. Once the targets of 90% benchmark and 5% significant reading deficiencies are made, the district shall maintain such performance levels.*

Motion by Director Venerable, seconded by Director Worth to approve the revisions to the Global Goal 1.2 and addition of Global Goal 1.4 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education conducted an executive session per CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve entering into an executive session per CRS 24-6- 402(4)(f)(I) for the purpose of discussing Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler's evaluation. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The executive session started at 9:33 p.m.

The executive session concluded at 11:00 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:10 p.m.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- November 14, 2017 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Lois Lesser Board Room/Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601
**NOTE Only Regular Meeting of the Month
- November 30, 2017 – December 3, 2017
Colorado Association of School Boards Conference
The Broadmoor Hotel
1 Lake Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
- December 12, 2017 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
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13. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The Board of Education meeting evaluation schedule has been revised to a quarterly schedule. The next evaluation will occur on December 12, 2017.

- 14. CLOSING COMMENTS:** Director Day described the swearing-in process of newly-elected Board of Education directors. He also suggested November 16, 20, and 27, 2017 as potential dates for that ceremony. These dates are contingent upon receiving the election certification from the county election offices.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** 11:19 p.m.